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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***S/ Audit B - J. J. J. 12-20-01  
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APPLICANT: Phillip C. Apple  
TITLE: CLOSEABLE THATCHED UMBRELLA  
GROUP: 3635  
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Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

IN THE CITY OF:

Sir:

RE: **RESPONSIVE TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2001**

Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) from U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/283,360 filed on Oct. 19, 2000.

**IN THE DRAWINGS**

Please amend the drawings to show the following:

The corrections noted by the Examiner as being needed will be made. See proposed change to the drawings enclosed.

Please amend FIGURES 5 and 6 to add the description "50".

Please amend FIGURE 7 to add the legend "PRIOR ART".

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend page 5, at line 8 to read:

Here 8 spaced ribs or radii are shown.

Please amend page 6, at line 2 to read:

Such a disk configuration would be utilized if the construction of the umbrella were to omit a top finial such as 50 shown in FIGURES 5 and 6.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

The claims are 1-8.

Please enter amended claim 1 to read:

1. A thatched umbrella having the appearance of a South Seas or Caribbean a fixed

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